Engineers/Bridges, Assistant Engineers and Divisional Engineers and in case the problems warrant specific attention even at the level of Deputy Chief Engineer and Chief Bridge Engineer.

(c) Repair works as necessitated as a result of periodic inspection of Railway officials are being regularly carried out.

(d) Chief Commissioner of Railway Safely is enquiring into the causes of accident on Kadalundi Bridge. His findings are awaited.

Foundation Stone for Kakinada-Kotipaili rail line

728. SHRI RUMANDLA RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Union Minister of State for Railways has laid the foundation stone for restoration of the historic Kakinada-Kotipaili rail line at old railway station, Kotipalli in East Godavari District of Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether this restored line is expected to cost Rupees 66 crores;

(c) what is the total amount earmarked for the project in the 2000-2001 budget; and

(d) by when this project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The updated anticipated cost of the project is Rs. 67.44 crore.

(c) An outlay of Rs. 1.00 crore had been provided for the work in Budget 2000-2001.

(d) The completion of the project would depend upon handing over of the land by the State Government and availability of resources in the coming years.

Introduction of new sub-urban trains in SCR

729. DR. Y. LAKSHMI PRASAD: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether direct suburban trains from Bolaram to Falaknuma and Umdanagar are being introduced by South-Central Railway; and

(b) if so, by when the services are likely to be introduced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) and (b) Direct Suburban trains between Bolaram-Falaknuma-Umdanagcr have been provided from 11.6.2001.

Completion of Nangal-Talwara rail-link

†730. SHRI KRIPAL PARMAR: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Chief Minister and Members of Parliament of Himachal Pradesh have written letters to the Minister with a request to allocate more funds for early completion of construction work of Nangal-Talwara and Kamli-Parwanoo rail-line;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the snails pace with which funds are being allocated for Nangal-Talwara rail-line, these rail lines will not be completed even in next 25 years; and

(c) if so, the steps Government are taking for early completion of said rail lines?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL): (a) A request has been received for allocation of more funds for expeditious completion of Nangal Dam-Talwara rail line. For Kamli-Parwanoo rail line, no such request has been received.

(b)Due to constraint of resources, the work is being regulated as per their availability. The target date for completion of the project has not been fixed.

(c) Allocation of funds, which was Rs. 8 crore during 2000-2001 has been enhanced to Rs. 10 crore during the current financial year.

Rail Bridges in Madhya Pradesh

731. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI:

SHRI C.P. THIRUNAVUKKARASU:

Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) how many rail bridges are in India;

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†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.